

Remarks

Claims 1-5, 7, 8 and 15-18 have been amended. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the specification and drawings. No new matter has been added.

1. The Abstract in the specification was objected to as to including means language. The Abstract has been amended to remove this language. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

2. Claims 1-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Jain et al (US 5,729,471). Applicants traverse the rejection and submit that Jain et al does not anticipate the Applicant's claimed invention.

The invention as recited in Claim 1 is directed to the communication apparatus which receives the image data taken by the imaging apparatus connected through the network. On such a premise, the invention is characterized by comprising the output unit for outputting to the display unit the synthetic image which is obtained by synthesizing the symbol representing the state of the imaging apparatus on the map image indicating the setting location of the imaging apparatus in accordance with the control information stored in the storage unit.

According to the Applicant's invention, it is possible to obtain the significant effect that the relationship between the state of the imaging apparatus in accordance with the stored control information and the setting location of the imaging apparatus can be easily grasped.

Jain et al., on the other hand, discloses that the image obtained by shooting the object with use of the plural cameras 1 to 3 (Fig. 2) is displayed on the graphical display of the work station (Fig. 3), and that the video screen, the list of used cameras, the list of players (objects) can be simultaneously displayed on this display (Fig. 4). Thus, in Jain et al., the user can select the desired camera and player (object) on the displayed lists, whereby the camera operation and

the display operation are controlled according to the selected result.

However, Jain et al. does not disclose that an map image indicating a setting location of an imaging apparatus is displayed on the graphical display of Fig. 4. Moreover, Jain et al. does not at all disclose that a symbol representing a state of the image apparatus is synthesized on the map image.

Accordingly, the present invention as recited in Claim 1 is quite different from Jain et al., that is, Jain et al. does not at all disclose or suggest the characteristic and the effect of the invention. As a result, it is believed that amended Claim 1 should be allowed. Since claims 2-16 depend on claim 1 and further limit claim 1, these claims should also be allowable.

Claims 17 and 18 are respectively the method and storage medium claims of which the subject matter is substantially the same as that in Claim 1 (apparatus claim). Accordingly, it is also believed that amended Claims 17 and 18 should be allowed because of the same reason as above.

Applicant respectfully submits that for claims to be anticipated by a reference in terms of 35 U.S.C. §102, every element of the claimed invention must be identically shown in a single reference either expressly or inherently, and arranged as in the claims under review. Since every element of the claimed invention as amended is not identically shown and arranged as in Jain et al., reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims as currently pending are patentable and in condition for allowance.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the